

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN FLIGHTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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- (a) The details of the cities wherein number of flights have been increased during last two years ;
- (b) The names of States which have been benefited by it ;
- (c) The details of the States which have requested for starting air service during last two years and the number of requests which have been accepted alongwith the number of requests still pending for action; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government with regard to the pending requests?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- The details of cities where number of flights have been increased during the last two years are Agartala (Tripura), Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Silchar and Lilabari

(Assam), Imphal (Manipur), Ahmedabad, Kandla, Vadodra (Gujarat), Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, Tuticorin (Tamilnadu), Mumbai, Nagpur, Pune (Maharashtra), Hyderabad, Vizag (Andhra Pradesh), Amritsar, Pathankot (Punjab), Jammu, Srinagar

(Jammu and Kashmir), Cochin, Trivandrum (Kerala), Bangalore, Mangalore, Vidyanagar

(Karnataka), Kullu (Himachal Pradesh), Delhi (Delhi), Kolkata (West Bengal), Port Blair

(A&N Islands), Dehradun (Uttanchal), Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh), Goa (Goa), Chandigarh

(Chandigarh), Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), Bhubaneshwar (Orissa), Jaipur (Rajasthan).

(c) and (d):- Requests are received from time to time from almost every state for commencement of new operations, increase in connectivity and rescheduling of current frequencies of air services. These requests had been considered favourably by the Government and as far as possible, new flights have been introduced, connectivity increased and re-schedulings have been carried out depending upon availability of resources with Indian Airlines/Alliance Air.

With a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East region the Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.